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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT : Codeword Clearances [ ]

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1. [ ] Action Requested: None. For your information only. 25X1
2. [ ] Background: The attached data is furnished in response to your note of 10 September 1977 requesting codeword clearances data by agency over some recent period of time to show growth.
3. [ ] Because of the variations in management and accounting procedures among the agencies, these statistics are not uniformly compiled and maintained. The SPECLE II system in its present configuration is an inadequate management tool. This problem is being studied by the CIA Office of Data Processing to determine whether SPECLE II can be updated to do the job desired or whether a proposed new system should replace SPECLE II. 25X1
4. [ ] This information was compiled from various sources, the CIA/OS/Special Security Center being the principal source as manager of the SPECLE II register. Attachment A sets forth a growth pattern for [ ] and [ ] clearances in government and industry during the period 1972-1977. The SIGINT breakdown for government and industry was not available. SPECLE II does not record this type of information on an individual agency basis other than for CIA. 25X1 25X1 25X1
5. [ ] At the present time, there is no central compilation by agency of SIGINT clearances. Each agency maintains its own records and periodic reports are made to the NFIB Secretariat. Attachment B sets forth the data available on the SIGINT accesses as reported by the NFIB agencies. 25X1
6. [ ] As an example of growth in individual agencies, Attachment C sets forth the statistics for CIA. The Department of Defense statistics, maintained by DIA, have not been kept in the same manner; however, those available are reflected in Attachment D. 25X1 25X1
7. [ ] Some [ ] increases have resulted from the increase in the SIGINT product which is currently protected under dual [ ] controls. Further, [ ] has probably experienced an increase due to the [ ] product. 25X1 25X1 25X1

Attachments:  
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